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MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

Exercises Held At Gould's Academy In Observance

Owing to the Thanksgiving recess, exercises in recognition of the birthday of Morris Pratt were not observed until Dec. 11th. On that date all class exercises at the Academy were suspended at three o'clock, and teachers and pupils gathered in the Assembly Room to participate in the observance of this honored birthday.

In addition to the school there was present a large number of interested friends, who showed by their presence, not only their loyalty to the school, but their cordial sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the occasion.

A delightful program had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Gehring, and the same was carried out in a most effective manner as follows:

Introductory Remarks,

Principal R. E. Hanscom
Song, Mr. William J. Upson
Piano Solo, Mrs. W. W. Thomas
Song, Miss Marguerite McQuade
Group of Songs, Mr. William J. Upson
Address, Mrs. J. G. Gehring
Singing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd,"

School Address, Mrs. William W. Thomas

Principal Hanscom sounded the keynote by referring briefly to the purpose of the exercises and the uplifting influence of these annual gatherings upon the student body.

Mr. Upson is always a favorite upon a Bethel program, and his deep, rich voice never gave more pleasure than upon this occasion.

Mrs. Thomas, though a stranger within our gates, graciously consented to fill a gap in the program, and rendered a piano solo in a delightful manner. She was enthusiastically received, and responded with a Swedish "Song Without Words," which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss McQuade appeared before a Bethel audience for the first time, and sang in a manner that gave pleasure to all present.

Mrs. Gehring was at her best, and her address was listened to with rapt attention. The American flag draped above the platform served to emphasize the major note of patriotism that characterized her theme. Her address is given in full.

Since we last met to observe this beloved birthday, which has year after year kept Morris Pratt so vividly as a part of our life in this community since I last looked into your eyes—our world is changed.

A year ago we looked across the ocean with deepest sympathy; today we, as well, are needing what we then so earnestly bestowed. Not one person here today but is or will be affected directly or indirectly by this great war which has swept us into a terrible whirlpool of misery. Your young lives are to become different because of this menace across the sea. We are not prepared as a nation for this great experience. As individuals we must prepare ourselves.

You young freeborn citizens of a great republic have taken the United States of America as you have the air you breathe, or the sunshine that falls upon you. You have never realized your privilege in being born Americans, but from henceforth you will. You will hold your position with a new reverence—if right wins. It might prevail, the world will press even more heavily upon these born than upon those whose whole lives have been under the yoke of military despotism. I have often remarked when in Europe the absence of the joyous, hopeful, expectant expression upon young faces that seems to be the birthright of the American child. It really may be a part of the influence of a Republic.

I well remember standing one day looking over the Roman Forum, noting the ruins of great temples and palaces of power and saying, "Rome was once a Republic; will our own Republic of the United States ever speak of as a thing of the past?" There has been many years an uneasy sense of apprehension that our country might lose its rare position; that perhaps we had been thoughtless in our generosity in opening our doors to wider lands. Many have felt that some great development was to come to make this haven of peace and hope secure and permanent. This may be the awful rugged pathway by which the United States may climb to become an even greater inspiration to the world. A Republic that shall stand by its principles, not alone by its arms.

We owe you young students some

RED CROSS NOTES

A large shipment of surgical dressings was sent as the work of the month of November, which received high praise from headquarters for the quality of the gauze work.

271 Christmas bags were filled and sent in November. The work was done under the supervision of Mrs. Park, Miss Hamlin and Mr. Pollard and the workers deserve the highest praise for their splendid service.

There is great need of surgical dressings. The call for them is most urgent and imperative.

We need more workers in gauze at the Red Cross rooms. Please come to help us. It has been suggested by one young man that he and others would come to work evenings if the Red Cross rooms were opened then. With the new electric lights, for which we are indebted to Mr. Springer, it is perfectly possible to work on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and the rooms will be open then if a sufficient number will volunteer to make it worth while. Your help is greatly needed and needed at once.

The following is a clipping from a New York paper:

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"Surgeon dressings must be sent in millions," the cable read."

RED CROSS DRIVE

Mr. Fred A. Tibbets adds to his patriotic services by taking charge of Bethel's Red Cross Drive for new members.

Soliciting is in the hands of the alert and efficient Boy Scouts. Our quota is 150 new members. So far we have not failed in anything which has been demanded of us, but have been proud and happy in exceeding our quota in every case.

Yes, we know that one wants every penny and the dust of a penny at Christmas time. This seems to many of us the saddest Christmas the world has ever seen. The one bright spot, the one thing which makes it bearable, is the glorious spirit of self-sacrifice and desire for service everywhere manifest.

It seems as if every one must feel a sense of uplift and satisfaction in being members of such a marvelous organization as the American Red Cross. In this Christmas drive only now memberships count. But it will certainly occur to old members who wish to help the cause that they may do so by making their friends members as an expression of Christmas good-will. Especially has it been suggested, and surely the idea must appeal to many, that children and young people would in many cases appreciate the gift of a membership, and value, as one who looks back upon his own childhood will understand, being affiliated with the Red Cross.

How about making every one of those helpful Boy Scouts a member?

Anyway think it over and help in every way you can. Let every house have a Red Cross Service Flag. As Roosevelt said on Sunday in speaking for the Drive of the coming week, "It may be a sacrifice but oh, what a glorious sacrifice."

BOY SCOUT NOTES

The Bethel troop of Scouts is active

engaged this week in securing new

members for the Red Cross. During

their school vacation the boys are also

rehearsing the play "A Strenuous Af-

ternoon," which is to be given at the

next Red Cross entertainment on Jan.

16.

National Scout Commissioner Charles

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Ray Parker is visiting his brother in Bath.

Edith Soper is spending the vacation with her mother in Lynn, Mass.

The basket ball game at Colebrook has been postponed to a later date.

Mrs. Keniston and family are spending the vacation with relatives in Bath.

The Academy closed Friday for a two week's vacation. Jan. 1 is the date of reopening. Holden Hall is also closed.

A tablet inscribed with the school motto, "To Thine Own Self Be True," has recently been hung behind the principal's desk. This tablet is the gift of the alumni.

The teachers are spending the vacation at their several homes. Miss Whitman in South Paris, Miss McQuade in Mount Vernon, Miss Pratt in Readings, Misses, and Mr. Small in Bowdoinham.

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UPTON GRANGE

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—Guy L. Pratt.

Overseer—Edw. Warren.

Lecturer—Mrs. Mae F. Robinson.

Secretary—Mrs. Myra Braeden.

Treasurer—A. F. Russell.

Chaplain—Mrs. Helen A. Eastman.

Steward—Samuel Statton.

Asst. Steward—Wilder Mitchell.

Gate Keeper—Winfield Cutting.

Cores—Mrs. Ira T. Wing.

Porters—Mrs. Estelle C. Briggs.

Mora—Miss Agnes Head.

Ira A. Steward—Miss Doris Galloup.

Executive Committee—H. H. Richards.

A short program followed.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—Guy L. Pratt.

Overseer—Edw. Warren.

Lecturer—Helen Abbott.

Steward—Hollis Abbott.

Asst. Steward—Albert Warren.

Chaplain—Jennie Judkins.

Treasurer—Cora Abbott.

Gate Keeper—Bennett M. Bartlett.

Pomona—Ruth Coolidge.

Cores—Georgie Pratt.

Flora—Rene Lane.

L. A. Steward—Ethel Warren.

Pianist—Mabel Warren.

The basket ball girls have organized as follows: First team: Ruth Cole, captain and guard; Myrtle Beckler, guard; Alma Cheney and Dorris Moore, forwards; Bernice Keddy, center; Jennie Bean and Edith Cummings, substitutes. On the second team are Helen Clark, Vivian Jackson, Cleo Sweet, Pauline King.

On account of the snow storm Thursday night some of the students were unable to reach their homes Friday as planned. Lester and Una Brooks were obliged to wait over, as the stage would not take passengers. Marlon Moore spent Sunday with Dorris Moore, planning to go to her father's camp on Monday.

J. DANA BARTLETT

Mr. J. Dana Bartlett died at the C. G. Hospital in Lewiston last Wednesday from blood poisoning resulting from a slight scratch on the hand.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Greenwood, 68 years ago, the son of the late Sylvanus and Mary Jane Bartlett. He married Octavia Rowe, daughter of the late Caleb and Abigail Plummer Rowe, and after their death resided on the Howe homestead farm in Bethel. Two children came into his home, Winona, who married Merton Fogg of Milan, N. H., and Edwina who died in 1916. For several years after the death of his wife he made his home with his daughter but after the death of his son he returned to Bethel and assumed the care of the homestead farm with his daughter-in-law who was left a widow with five small children.

Mr. Bartlett was a member of the Congregational church, an honest and industrious man, known best in his home where in these later years he has been devoted to his little grandchild.

Besides his daughter he is survived by twelve grandchildren, a brother, Levi N. Bartlett of Bethel and a sister, Mrs. Mary Dwyer of Central, Mass.

The funeral was held at the home on Friday afternoon with Rev. W. C. Curtis officiating, interment at Woodland cemetery.

NOTICE

The fuel committee for the district

comprising the towns of Bethel, Green-

wood, Albany, Mass., Newry and Ollie-

ad are desirous of finding out the

amount of cord wood in each town,

where it is and the price asked, whether

it has been sold or not.

Until this information is obtained

and tabulated no dry wood suitable for

fuel can be shipped out of the district

without the permission of the commit-

tee.

Also we would like to know of those

people in this district who are desirous

of obtaining dry wood and have not

been able to do so.

If it is necessary that we have an im-

mediate reply to these questions.

F. D. MORRILL.

H. C. ROWE.

A. VAN DEN BERCKHOVEN,

Fuel Committee acting under authority

from

THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Are we spoiling our children by extravagant giving? Have we allowed the honest fireside delights of Christmas to pass away and installed the commercial Christmas present? Have we allowed the keeping of Christmas to become an obligation and burden, in place of an opportunity for happiness? Many of us spend more than we can afford for our children; we dread the criticism of our acquaintances, we do not wish the presents of our children overshadowed by the presents of other people's children; and often we do go far beyond our means and spoil our children by our extravagance. Children become unreasonable in their demands, and hand in their Christmas orders with no regard to the parent's income, and they have an assurance that they will get what they want. It is time to teach our children that Christmas is a time for happiness and rejoicing, not a time for buying things that we can not afford. One mother writes: "Our children have become so extravagant in their demands for Christmas presents, that we have decided to buy no presents, but to keep the Christmas festival, to make it a time of joy and mirth and unselfish pleasure. We want to make it a day to be looked forward to with eager anticipation, to be enjoyed whole-heartedly; we are going to resurrect the Christmas games; the bubbling, overflowing spirit of mirth and joy; we want our children to be looking forward to the Christmas festival, and not in a lordly self-assertive manner, to be looking forward to gifts we can not afford to buy." Many of us are in sympathy with those who wish to bring back the sweet, old, traditional Christmas observances. Our Christmas happiness is not measured by the money we have or have not, but the quality that makes the occasion rich is the spirit we bring to it. Good will will create a good time. We all work and plan to bring joy to the children; no dearer privilege is ours than this; our children are easily made happy; it is not what we give them, as much as what we do for them, that insures their gratification. Why not make them happy by our sympathy, our co-operation in what interests them, give them simple gifts, and not spoil them by buying presents we can not afford. The peace and good will is found in the family celebration; bearing uppermost that happy, joyous spirit of childhood which should be the guiding spirit of Christmas. It would be better for us all if we could revive the old fashioned family circle, with common interest and common amusements. Let not our Christmas joy be shadowed with the serousness of buying beyond our means. Simplicity and sincerity are worth

striving for, and my Christmas wish is, that each of us may have a simple and happy Christmas.

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Home Christmas.

Gift making in the home is one of the most gracious features of Christmas, and I pray, it may survive all other out-grown customs. When we have as our close counselors, love and sympathy, we will not leave out of our child's stocking the little thing he has set his heart upon possessing. Sometimes it is beyond us to gratify a child's wish, then we can explain to him that he can not have a gift that costs so much money, and we can make an effort to find something as near to the original desire as possible. Often we convert the Christmas season into a sort of convenient affair for ourselves, giving the child the needed clothing that he never accepts in his heart as Christmas presents. I think it is a poverty stricken soul which does not throw itself heartily into the work of helping forward the good time the young mind accepts with gratitude. The children have their own little plans and ideas, and they want our sympathy, our companionship and hearty co-operation in what interests them. An example of true interest and sympathy is not lost upon children; they are willing to reciprocate and live up to their knowledge if they have the opportunity, and a part of the great pleasure in life is to encourage in our children the same generosity and kindness we cultivate in ourselves. Fresh, unspoiled natures that have not been hardened by embittered experiences learn to be kind, sympathetic and generous. I like the traditional Christmas tree; we always had one in my childhood home, and through all these years the memory of them has been a pleasure and satisfaction, and I bless the dear hearts and the willing hands that were always so cheerfully ready to give us pleasure. Nothing was too much for my father and mother to do for their six children; there was no grumbling, no complaining, but a happiness to them to do anything necessary for our comfort and pleasure. Now, when we talk of the good times we had in the old home, the extra work that mother and father did that we might have a "good-time world," my mother, who is now eighty-five years of age, will say: "We never did one thing we didn't want to do; it was all such happiness to us." I love the sweet old traditional observance of Christmas day. If parents, with or without money, have the good will they will create a good time for the children.—S. R.

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After Christmas.

Very soon it will be the week after Christmas, and it will be a formidable thing to encounter. There are the ribbons that tied the packages, the Christmas cards, the wreaths of boxes; there are many gifts that are mislaid; what can be done with them? And the children's toys! They are tired of them now, just a week after Christmas; then many of them wouldn't work again if we thought they would. We sent so many

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FROM the kindergarten days up, there's wholesome fun for the children, and lasting joy for all the family, in the Kodak and Brownie pictures the children make—and Christmas day, with its home pictures, is an excellent time to start.

Come in and see our stock of Kodaks and Brownies. There's no obligation.

W. E. BOSSERMAN
BETHEL, MAINE

gifts that we know were not appreciated; and there were so many expecting presents whom we forgot; and we spent so much more money than we could afford, and we face the New Year in debt for Christmas presents. We are tired; the depleted nerves and the over excitement of it all leads us to pause and ask, "Is it worth while?" Does the Christmas balance sheet show a plus quantity on the credit side? Let us all consider a sane Christmas. Why should we make Christmas a sad affair of barter and exchange.—G. D.

Word and Works.**EAST BETHEL**

Mrs. Lucetta Bean has returned from Norway.

Mrs. Etta Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., for several weeks, the guest of relatives there.

Robert and William Hastings are at home from Gould's Academy for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Guy Bartlett has taken the contract of Day and Billings to cut and land on the river bank all the birch, pine and pulp on the timberland of the Summer Magill farm recently sold.

Miss Edna Bartlett, grammar, and Miss Ethel Cole, primary, closed their school here, Dec. 17, with a very interesting Christmas entertainment, handsome decorated Christmas trees attended by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a very pleasing program was presented in each room. By written invitation in verse several mothers and friends very much enjoyed it all. Program in Miss Bartlett's room as follows:

Song, "Tis Christmas, School Recitation, Same To You—Plus—,

For Thompson Recitation, The Shepherd's Story, Glenyce Cole

Song, Bethlehem Babe, School Recitation, In Troublous Times, James Burhoe Poem, Little Town of Bethlehem, School Song, Christmas Bells, School Recitation, Christmas Task, Elton Coolidge

Recitation, Santa Claus, James Quigley Recitation, Christmas Coming, Winnie Burhoe

Song, Merry Christmas Bells, Five Children Recitation, The Week Before Xmas, Ruthie Holt

Recitation, The Young Soldier, Otto Reed

Singing, Luther's Cradle Hymn with Tableaux, Seven Pupils

Recitation, A Gift To Santa, Three Girls

Recitation, The Longest Night, Elsie Swan

Recitation, Santa, Roger Swan

Dialogue, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Program in Miss Cole's room:

Song, Little New Year, Glendon Hutchins, Ray Thompson

Welcome, Sadie Burhoe

Recitation, Christmas Acrostic, Nine Children

Song, Three Stockings, Glendon and Ethel Hutchins

Recitation, Santa's Reprof, Stanley Swan

A Suggestion, Three Children

Repeating the 100th Psalm, School Song, Forest Party, Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, In the Toe, Four Children

Song, Santa Claus, Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, It Pays, Iva Bartlett

Song, Santa Claus, Four Children

Recitation, A New Mary, Ethel Hutchins

Dramatization, 'Twas Night Before Christmas, Herbert Burhoe, Fred Haines

Song, Will Santa Come, Ethel Hutchins

Play, The Mouse's Joke, Mother, Clair Swan

John, Stanley Swan

Margaret, Ethel Hutchins, Betty, Iva Bartlett

Santa Claus, Ray Thompson

Mouse, Glendon Hutchins

Singing, Yankee Doodle, Raymond Bartlett

A Christmas pie was served to all the pupils who "stuck in a thumb and pulled out an orange."

Both rooms were handsomely decorated with Christmas bells and hand colored chains. Many hand colored drawings, pictures, etc., all showing much diligent work of the teachers and pupils and made interest in the school work of Miss Bartlett and Miss Cole who are greatly interested in their chosen occupations, and delight in making their school an average standard.

UPTON

Harry Creeker sold his piano, with piano attachment, music cabinet and some sixty rolls of music to Upton George.

Ed. Warren has Charles Chase's horse for the winter.

Harry Coolidge, Cedric Judkins, Scott Coolidge, Jim Barrett, and Ed Warren are at Bresl and vicinity, sealing.

Mabel Warren is at Ellis Lane's, helping with the housework.

Owing to bad travelling there were not many out of town people at the auction at H. L. Creeker's, but some very fine articles were sold, and a bunch of sandwiches, coffee, cookies, doughnuts and cheese was served.

George Deering assisted by Dean Brooks has put up, boarded and shingled an annex to the Grange Hall.

Albert Warren is driving team for Charles Akers at Bresl.

CANTON

Charles E. Hollis, who is seriously ill of erysipelas, in the face, is somewhat better.

The Universalist Society have hired Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes of Buckfield as their pastor for another year.

John Lavorgna went to Portland last week and enlisted. He is now at Fort Williams.

W. E. Dresser is confined to his bed by illness.

The annual inspection of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., was held Wednesday evening, the inspecting officer being Mrs. Cora M. Charles, D. D. G. M. of Fryeburg. The work was ex-

emplified in a most satisfactory manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a short entertainment enjoyed. Mrs. Charles was a guest of the Worthy Matron, Miss Abbie C. Blacknell, wife in town.

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The spirit of usefulness is becoming paramount in the giving of Xmas presents and this year will produce more genuine satisfaction from this source than ever before.

BLUE STORES**"I'm Going to Give You A New Suit For Xmas."**

It's easy enough to imagine Father telling Son this pleasing news. Likewise, you can hear Mother or Son say, "Father,

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South Paris

Maine

FOOD CONSERVATION AND HIGH PRICES.

Prepared by Howard E. Green, D. D. Representative Religious Press U. S. Food Administration, Washington.

"Why doesn't the Food Administration bring down the high prices?" Well, ask another question—why aren't there two million United States soldiers in France and Italy today, fighting at the front and driving the Hunns on the run towards Berlin? Because both take time, thorough preparation, and in case of food price much voluntary cooperation. But something is being done every day, and to lower the cost of living wherever it is possible is one of the prime aims of the Food Administration, which has already kept the prices of many staples from going much higher. Flour might easily have been twice its present price per barrel if the Food Administration had not established a fair price for wheat and limited flour millers' profits. Sugar would almost certainly have gone soaring if speculation had not been stopped.

Then, some prices have been lowered. Flour has fallen substantially below the August prices. Speculation in Cuban sugar has been stopped, saving a sufficient supply. This temporary shortage would have meant a large advance in price had not the Food Administration secured a voluntary agreement from the producers of cane and beet sugar. Do not forget these facts because beefsteak is out of reach, sugar still higher than one could wish, and many have to live more largely on hops than they like to.

Remember also that the Food Administration has no direct control over the retail trade, save where it does an annual business of \$100,000 or more. That explains why, when the price of beef at the packer's door was 14 cents a pound, in October, as compared with 18 cents in July, the average price of round steak in 786 cities was 31 cents a pound against 37 in July, showing that while the wholesale price decreased the retail price increased. Public sentiment, community cooperation, must take that in hand.

How about a shortage of sugar, making it difficult in some places to get any? Well, the Food Administration long ago pointed out what was coming, and made the simple request that our people should save sugar excess a week per person, in order to give our Allies what they must have and supply what we need ourselves. If this had been done, or should now be done, our nation of sugar per person per year would be 67 pounds, while the English have to be content with 26 and the French and Italians with 12. Aren't we willing to share with those who are fighting for us, with the enemy on their territory?

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knowledge of existing conditions, for one who has lived in Bethel sunshine can not easily imagine what life would be down in a coal mine; what others less fortunate than ourselves have been meeting for generations across the ocean.

A highly educated Russian lady said to me yesterday, "You do not know what it means to be an American citizen; I know how to love the Stars and Stripes as you never can. I am a far truer American than you, for you know a convert is always an enthusiast, and I adore this country of my adoption."

This cultivated woman was exiled from Russia for expressing political principles which are now being earnestly advocated by the Russians today who are struggling for real liberty; she was not even allowed to meet her mother at the frontier, after travelling the long journey from America to Russia, and after an absence of seven years.

In an artist's studio in Washington I once stood admiring a superb portrait of two fine boys. The artist-father, seeing my interest, came to me, and with a fire in his eyes and a passion in his voice I have never seen or heard equalled said, "American! My sons are Americans; I came to the United States to save those boys from becoming Austrian targets."

Karl Bitter the famous sculptor, when suddenly death the country deperies, and who dearly loved Bethel, told us of his escape from Austria when a very young man and of his arrival in New York, poor and alone, but triumphant in having freed himself from Austrian military service.

On a stormy twenty five years ago bound for Europe, we met a most calloused and altogether charming German lady. With her was a little baby son whom she was taking back to her German family. This farcading mother came across the ocean to have her child born under the Stars and Stripes, and with intense feeling proudly said, "My son is an American citizen. He could never become the President of the United States."

BUY FOOTWEAR

For Christmas Presents

There is nothing more useful or acceptable that can be bought and given away than footwear and, as usual, we have a store full of all kinds of first class goods which we are selling at the lowest possible price. We are sure that only a few people realize what a very complete stock of Boots and Shoes we carry. We have a large store and it is always filled. Our assortment is always complete in every department. You can find what you want here and please do not forget that our prices are always right.

Special for week beginning Dec. 17. We will give to the first 250 customers who purchase goods to the amount of one dollar, one flour sifter, only one to a family. This is a very useful article and the first 250 customers will get one.

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Take Half a Family Pill for constipation.

The German children reflect the military spirit in a pliful way. A courteous little whit-faced boy of eleven years confided to my young son that his studies were so many; the standards so difficult, the teachers so harsh, and his food so scanty that he wished he could die. I well remember looking from a hotel window in Bremen on a dismal, rainy morning and seeing throngs of school children with little knapsacks on their backs going through the lamp-lighted streets of that dark northern winter to their schools, at seven in the morning.

Berlin has had every year an appalling number of child-quidiciles! The principles upon which Germany has been building these many years ruthlessly drive the weak out of existence.

A brilliant German girl, daughter of an officer, said with a dreadful bitterness,

"There is but one merciful thing to do for a baby born in Germany—drown her at birth."

Such are some of the conditions prevailing in the countries now at war. To help rescue the nations fighting to escape such bondage and to secure our freedom from a similar fate that would forever darken our lives and those of future generations, we are giving our sons to this long dreadful struggle, wherein success is the only factor of which we may be sure.

The Flag means to the mothers of our nation of this generation what it has never meant before. The Stars are stripes of pain, its Stars are often dimmed with tears, but it flots high above our fears and we believe as never before in the freedom it symbolizes.

I have just returned from one of the great camps, Camp Sherman in Ohio, where forty thousand men are undergoing discipline, privations, and physical dangers that rouse our amazement at what one sees of strength, courage and self-sacrifice of mankind.

Men who have voluntarily left luxurious homes, have laid down brilliant professional or successful business careers, and faced the yet harder renunciation of the home, are magnificently submitting to the strenuous discipline that makes the strong soldier.

First of all they learn to obey. A successful campaign in any walk of life, who has never learned the lesson

of obedience—does not exist. If this war brings a period of universal service for our boys with its lessons of prompt, unquestioning obedience, there will be a standard of manhood in this fresh-born Republic, such as the world has never seen. Already the American is looked upon in Europe as a type of manhood that commands their wondering respect. We shall have yet finer results. Our brave boys from Old Gould's "overseas" will prove to us that our expectations are not baseless.

A Captain of a Battery recently told me that the change in men after a few months of training was wonderful. Minds as well as bodies take on new capacities in many directions; and surely the soldiers that thronged the streets of Chillicothe were grand specimens of manly alertness and vigor. All this improvement is based upon one great principle—obedience. It is whispered that one great battle was lost to the Allies by an officer's failure to obey orders. Bitter indeed will be his day of life.

You have heard much of "preparedness" during these days of war. This school is rightfully called a preparatory school. It is not only making students ready for college but for life. In this school are some necessary laws. To obey them is to lay a secure foundation for your futures, and the central thought for your consideration in this talk to you today, as students of Gould's Academy, is to emphasize the necessity of recognizing that the basic principle of all real success in life is—obedience.

He who will not obey the law of right as given him by parents and teachers, will find it very difficult to obey Him who writes his laws upon the hearts of men.

Millions of men, the rich and powerful as well as the poor and unknown, are living under this great law of Obedience. Not only in the strenuous daily drill in camp or on the dreaded firing line are men obeying laws, but there are also those who are pouring out money like water to give those fighting for this and other countries the power to carry on this struggle, and in this way are also magnificently obeying. Hundreds of thousands of women have obeyed the call for help. This little village has a record of service that astonishes all who hear its story.

But when one hears the tales not of

the Pacific struck, that is, it is said,

already cost a million lives, with its

pernicious doctrine as to non-resistance to evil, read the stories wherein

the Master, whose standards none can

question, treated wrongdoing with

greatest indignation and severity. There

is an old legend wherein one in search

of Christ said, "His rebuke was

fearful!" Christ never rebuked evildoers before himself, but to the wronged widow and the orphan, the sick and the poor; and when God's house was profaned by "grafters" he did not hesitate to use force to bring Right into being and to destroy Might!

We can safely follow the great Captain Hall His light has been recognized and followed this world would let none be stumbling through a dreadful night. We obey Him who we resist evil.

While thinking thus for you to the little address the terrible Halifax disaster has shocked us almost into despair. Such awful calamities following hard upon some one's strengthenings elsewhere in this terrible chaos of suffering was the carelessness of perhaps only one human being, no doubt losing his life with the others he has numbered.

Someone failed in obedience. Fidelity to duty, faithfulness to responsibility, would have saved all this suffering. That it was not the work of an enemy's hand makes this overwhelming disaster less terrible to the imagination, but gives one a sense of despair that with such tremendous forces of nature which man has created from God's universe, there should not have been also provided, by man, safeguards that would make such a calamity impossible.

The only gleam of light in this dark hour is the magnificent skill and generosity shown by the quick-acting Commonwealth under their true leaders; but the pitiful human suffering makes our hearts ache as we realize our inability to lift the load.

Shall King had a thought that has lived—and must therefore be true. When a great steamship went down in the Golden State of California many years ago and three hundred and fifty women and children were drowned, this spiritually-developed preacher said these words which have stayed with a new hope many a soul when shocked by sudden seemingly untimely deaths. These are the words, full of meaning:

"God must have something very valuable for the soul of man farther on, to appear to be so reckless of human life here on this earth"; and we add that it may be one of our great surprises in the new life to come, to find, as one has said, "That length of breath is not God's greatest gift to man."

And now from the turmoil and misery around us we gladly turn to what has called us here together today—the observance of the birthday of one whom we lovingly bring to our grateful remembrance; and once more to sing with tender reverence the name of Morris Pratt.

For years we have consecrated this hour to thoughts of him.

The generous devotion to his living memory by his parents has blessed hundreds of pupils in this school. But for what this dear name has been to us Gould's Academy would not be what it is today. Morris Pratt fought and won life's battle in earlier years than falls to most of us, and in the beautiful freedom from the sorrow that now entangles our world he is blessedly spared the sufferings we now are meeting.

In the stately Brooklyn home his portrait hangs in the hall, and it is a beautiful custom of the family to turn the lights upon this fine and dearly-loved face, as the household wakes to life.

A most inspiring thought of one who dwells in Light Invisible.

Well we know that were Morris Pratt living and in health today, there would be four, instead of three, stars in the service flag that floats with the Stars and Stripes from his father's house. No one doubt but he would also have quickly entered this great struggle, and his lips would have smiled as bravely as when he bore his earthly suffering without a murmur.

Todays his younger brother has left the beautiful home of his parents, the life of the scholar, the musician, a life of refined and quiet tastes, and hardened out of all has parted with a young wife whose happiness has been all too brief, and with Morris' smiling lips and bright eyes, has gone to face the urge of his honorable soul. He has obeyed.

I well know how wishes for his safe return are rising in your hearts.

For the knowledge of noble lives like these, the immortal and the living, we are inspired to hold fast to our belief that the good is unchanging and eternal. In this great earthly crisis we respond to what is real, though invisible. We all truly live, in this experience of bearing and suffering, in the measure in which we answer the great call from God and his Christ—for magnificent Obedience!

In introducing Hon. W. W. Thomas, Principal Hanscom said:

It was my privilege last evening to listen to that masterly address in Odeon Hall by Hon. William W. Thomas, world diplomat. In his introduction he paid a glowing tribute to three of Bellville's honored sons, his classmates in Bowdoin College, graduates of Gould's Academy, pupils of the late Dr. True. In his address he explained, as no other man in the world could have explained, the reasons why Norway, Sweden and Denmark will never become allies of Germany, but will remain neutral to the end of this great world war. In his modesty he did not tell us that to his influence, more than to that of any other one person, and more than to any one contributing cause, is due the close friendship that exists between Sweden and the United States.

When he told us of the great white battle ship that carried the body of John Erickson back to his native land, he did not tell us that it was he who made the great speech, delivering to the King and people of Sweden the body of the great Swedish American. Nor did he tell us that at the unveiling of the Erickson monument at Stockholm in 1901, it was he who delivered the oration in the Swedish language before Swedish royalties, Court Cabinet and 25,000 people, and that for this he was publicly thanked by the Crown Prince of Norway and Sweden.

It is this modest, unassuming man—well I would have these young people remember that modesty and simplicity are the most distinguishing characteristics of true greatness—who has honored us with his presence this afternoon. He has very generously consented to speak briefly to these young people, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce to them Hon. William W. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas' address was replete with the wisdom garnered from a lifetime of distinguished public service and unusual experiences. His spontaneous outbursts of humor captivated the young people, and gave to his more serious words an added potency and force. In closing he gave the pupils four splendid maxims as the essence of his address:

Be efficient,
Grasp your opportunity,
Do more than your duty,
Always do the hardest thing first.

SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

To be Given By The University of Maine College of Agriculture Jan. 1 to 26, 1918.

Farmer throughout the states are urged to make the month of January, a school month. The College of Agriculture has arranged to give a short course in Agriculture from Jan. 1 to Jan. 25. In order that classes may start promptly Tuesday morning at 8 A. M. registration will be held in Winslow Hall, Dec. 31, from 1:30 to 4:30 P. M. This course covers a short period and the work has been very much concentrated. It is planned particularly to meet the needs of the man or woman who cannot devote the time to the full two or four year course; and, this year

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No tuition or fees of any kind will be charged. Any person fifteen years of age or over will be admitted to the short course without examination.

For bulletins describing the short course write to Leon B. Merrill, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Maine, Gorham, Maine.

RUMFORD

Lieut. Albert Beliveau, is Camp Meade, Md., and it is fitting to note that the commander is Brigadier General Nicholson, who is a brother to Nicholson, who was for several years Portland for several years, and lately having returned to Was-
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to visit his home here for a time.

John B. Martin, who is spen-
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RUMFORD

Lieut. Albert Beliveau is now at Camp Meade, Md., and it is interesting to note that the commanding officer is Brigadier General William Nicholson, who is a brother to R. L. Nicholson, who was for several years a Rumford resident, later living in Portland for several years, and more lately having returned to Washington to live. Lieut. Beliveau was given a banquet at Hotel Rumford one evening last week by 28 local business and professional men, at which Judge Matthew McCarthy acted as toastmaster, and during which Lieut. Beliveau was given a beautiful pair of military field glasses. On another evening he was also banqueted by Rumford Elks at their lodge rooms, and was presented with a fine wrist watch. He expects to be allowed a furlough soon so as to visit his home here for a time.

John B. Martin, who is spending a week at Fryeburg and vicinity, reports that the weather there has been thirty degrees below zero, and that the "oldest inhabitant" there cannot remember such another winter, when the cold came so early and continued so long around the zero mark.

A merry party of young people, among them was Miss Olive Bartlett, took a long snowshoe hike Sunday afternoon. This is unusually early for the snowshoers to be out, the three feet of snow which has come early in the winter making conditions favorable for the sport.

Carl Timberlake, a driver for the Turner Center Creamery, went to Livermore Falls by team a week ago to visit his home, and while there was taken with the measles, and is still unable to return to his work. His place on the team is taken by Mr. Oakes.

Leroy S. Williams, superintendent of Rumford schools, was called to Augusta the last of the week to consult with State Superintendent O. A. Thomas.

Walter G. Morse of Rumford is the Rumford member of the board of directors of the Maine Automobile Association, chosen at their recent meeting in Auburn.

It is expected that something like \$130 was cleared by the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church at their fair and supper of last week, the booths having taken in very nearly \$100 of this amount.

J. M. Hong, who has been living for several years on Lochness road, has just moved into the house on that street vacated by Fred Fish, who has moved his family to Bridgeport, Conn., to live.

Several men, known to Rumford people, are among those who went at once to the relief of Halifax. Dr. James Murray Galligan, for several years a successful physician in Boston, and the grandson of A. H. Price, who was at one time the hotel keeper at "Pinhook," so called in Woodstock, went with the first Red Cross Relief unit and Dr. D. B. Gragin of Waterville, a brother of A. B. Gragin who was at one time in business here, left Friday night on special train for Halifax.

Five artistic tableaux, which were given at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, in connection with the play "Love and Tea," by Mexico talent and under the auspices of the All-together club of the Baptist church, were cleverly adapted and arranged and staged by Mrs. Fred Gleason of Mexico, who also directed the play. The tableaux were "Rock of Ages," "Spirit of 1917," "We Need You and Your Son," "Columbia," and "The Call for Aid." The proceeds of the play were divided between the All-together club and the people in the cast giving the drama.

Hon. George A. Hutchins was the four minute speaker at the Majestic theatre Monday evening and A. E. Stearns will speak Friday, Dec. 21, at the Opera House, the subject being "Carrying the Message."

At the Rumford band room on Canal street, the Red Cross have been busy at work making Christmas wreaths for sale around town, for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. The work has been done under the direction of the Ways and Means Committee of the local auxiliary, of which M. L. Griffin is chairman.

E. L. Lafejoy, division superintendent of the Maine Central, is now able to be about after having been confined

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to the house for some time by injuries to his foot received by a misstep in his basement.

Mrs. E. S. Swift, who has been severely ill with bronchitis and complications at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Orrington Berry of Main avenue, is more comfortable.

Dr. E. A. Sheehy is the Rumford dentist who has been appointed to a 22-year term on the medical advisory board of Maine recently appointed by Governor Milliken.

Miss Mary Murray, a student at the Farmington Normal School, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Howe for the holiday recess.

The Misses Adrienne and Eglantine Beliveau, teachers in Rumford, are spending their vacation at their home in Lewiston, having been able to leave Friday afternoon, as the storm on that day closed the schools for the entire day.

Mrs. Eli Chase and little son of Weston will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Colburn Holquist. Miss Isora Colburn will also be a guest of Mrs. Holquist.

Masters Maxwell and Sidney Dowdy, who are at present living with relatives in Clinton, are in town to spend the Christmas vacation with their father, E. A. Wakely.

Mrs. Cameron returned Monday to her home at Old Orchard after being a guest for a week of her cousin, J. H. Stevenson and family.

NEW FEDERAL INCOME TAX.

Government to Send Our Men to Help Make Out.

You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapermen will be able to tell you where the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow.

Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Seth W. Jones said recently, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax blanks. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instructions in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every person unmarried not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties longer, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will go to them, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the attorneys stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them."

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that net income is to be about after having been confined

ANDOVER

Mrs. Abbie Poor left town Monday for Portland, where she will spend the winter.

The high school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Brown, the principal, returned to his home at Island Falls, Monday.

John Howey and son, Ralph, are at home from Farmington Lake.

Sidney Abbott, who has been ill, is improving.

Vivian Learned has returned from Andover Springs, where she has been visiting Mrs. Bert Dunn.

There will be a Christmas tree and Sunday school concert at the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th.

Lawrence Parsons is working in the woods for Edward Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Littlehale are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Arthur Archibald, who has been working at Grafton, returned to his home in Lynn, Monday.

A foot of snow fell Friday accompanied by a high wind which soon made the roads almost impassable. Sunday and Monday the road commissioner had men and teams out working.

The Ladies' Aid held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thurston, Wednesday afternoon.

Bert Berry is clerking for Lee Thurston at Black Brook.

One Mountain Grange will hold its last meeting for the year Saturday, Dec. 22. The dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Holton Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crossman and Mrs. Lillian Marston.

Francis Grossman, who has been in Portland receiving medical treatment, has returned home.

John Zahn of Rumford was in town, Saturday.

George Thomas, who is ill at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, is gaining.

Mrs. Lawrence Parsons and baby are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Akers.

John French, Jr., has gone to Bath, Me., where he is employed by the government in the ship building department.

The following officers of Ellis Glen Temple Pythian Sisters, were elected Monday evening, Dec. 10th:

P. C.—Margaret Hall. W. C.—Thayer Song, Lucy Edwards E. S.—Vine Miller. E. J.—Irene Bodwell. M.—Irene Small. P.—Carrie Morton. G.—Mary Noble. M. B. B.—Nellie Leslie. M. of F.—Katherine McAllister. Pianist—Margery Thomas. Installing Officer—Myrtle Learned. Grand Representative—Lois Harris. Alternate—Katherine McAllister. Dr. F. E. Leslie, who spent Thanksgiving at his home, is now in government service in Mississippi.

Y. A. Thurston and Regge Thurston attended the funeral of Jacob Thurston at Bethel, Wednesday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrill are ill with the measles.

persons from great income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax."

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly an error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Both W. Jones, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portsmouth, N. H., is Collector of the District of New Hampshire, which comprises the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

GILEAD

O. P. Leighton had a car load of new horses arrive last week.

Larry Lester was a recent visitor in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Jessie Hutchinson and Mrs. Edith Chapman of West Bethel were in town last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Monahan of Berlin, N. H., arrived in town the first of the week to spend the winter.

The village school closed last Friday for the winter vacation.

B. C. Brett of Auburn was in this vicinity last Tuesday.

Lawrence Whitehead and family returned to their home in Berlin, N. H., last Friday, after spending the summer here.

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GRANGE NEWS.

Continued from page 1.

Secretary—Ida Packard.

Gate Keeper—Sidney Jodrey.

Cards—Ella Cummings.

Pomona—Eva Hapgood.

Flora—Clara Grover.

L. A. Steward—Casandria Cole.

Planter—Florence Upton.

POULTRY-HOUSE FLOORS.

Earth, Cement, or Wood May Be Used

Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages of Each.

Poultry-house floors are usually made of either earth, wood, or cement. Where the soil is light and well drained the use of earth floors gives economy in construction and investment, and a more comfortable house. Where the drainage is not good, and on heavy soils, especially those containing much clay, floors of wood or cement are generally preferred.

Each kind of floor has its advantages and disadvantages, consideration of which will often lead a poultry keeper to use a different kind of floor from that most generally constructed in his locality.

Earth Floors.

A floor of earth needs to be renewed at least once a year. If the droppings that fall upon the floor are carefully removed at frequent, regular intervals, much of the earth is removed with them. If the regular cleaning of the floor is superficial, the earth of the floor to a depth of several inches becomes so mixed with droppings that its condition is very insanitary.

When the poultry keeper has a garden, the manure obtained by removing the earth floor of the poultry house will compensate for the labor of renewing the floor, and the new earth required can be taken from a convenient spot on his own land. When the poultry keeper has a garden, the manure obtained by removing the earth floor of the poultry house will compensate for the labor of renewing the floor, and the new earth required can be taken from a convenient spot on his own land. When the poultry keeper has a garden, the manure obtained by removing the earth floor of the poultry house will compensate for the labor of renewing the floor, and the new earth required can be taken from a convenient spot on his own land.

The wooden floors of a poultry house should have a light coating of dry earth, sand, chaff, or similar material to prevent the droppings of the birds from sticking to and saturating the boards.

COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES

Our first Christmas suggestion is to come at once for the portrait you want to send your soldiers.

We have for their use nice leather pocket cases for one, two or three photos.

We are making Photos this Christmas at our regular prices. That an advance in price will be necessary at no far distant date seems probable.

We are issuing Portrait Gift Certificates which should solve some of your shopping problems. Give one at Christmas for a present to the father or mother, husband or wife, that keep neglecting the portrait you want of them.

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By ETHEL HUESTON

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POEMS WORTH READING

CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE SEA.
To the little children in all lands
Wherever you may be,
American stretch loving hands
Across the miles of sea.

You may be hungry, homeless, cold,
And fatherless, and sad;
Then how can we, across the sea,
Forget you and be glad?

They are our little brothers dear,
Our sisters, dark and fair;
We long with you some Christmas cheer,
Some happiness to share!

We call to you a living word,
We make a prayer for you,
Shall not the children's prayer be
heard?
Will not one hope prove true?

Oh, may the Christmas bells soon ring
With news that war must cease!
Oh, may the friend across bring
The Christmas gift of peace!

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.
** * *

By Frederic T. Cardine.
Most gracious Lord, forbid the sword
And dull each gleaming blade;
It is thy will, tonight, to still
Each deadly cannonade.

The straying sheep seek out and keep,
The blanket worn, attire,
That he may heed, for peace appeal,
From this Christmas Eve.

The winter frost, December's ghost,
Its gauntlet rule has spread
Across the world, each shrub and weed
Now too suppressed and dead.

From out the gloom a hollow boom
The winter's message tells,

From noted threats, where hatred
glows,

Instead of Christmas bells.

The winter's calm, the full white moon,
Which yields upon emerald,
Relaxes the night, with silver light,
Of each starry pool of steel.

It shields the plain where lie the slain,
Cantored yet soaring,

In garments bare that spirits wear,
Translucent sheets of sheen.

For oft the ears of kings and peers
To sorrow and despair,

And men still pray in fits of clay,

Entombed, like beasts in lair.

While over earth the Heaven's birds
Is heralds come more,

From plumb to stormy sea,

Flock onward to scattered shore.

Though peace on earth reigned at his
Birth

In David's city then,

And soft and full song of good will

From His toward all men;

Tongt the breath of hate and death

Is breathed from every a,

Each watchful group and soldier troop

Hails slinger for its goal.

With uprooted arms, still each alarm

What shall ascend above,

But the way of war's fall rage

How may it brother's love,

As in the night found the light

That wages day by day

And each each race with radiant face

And now clasp hands, away.

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THE GIFT DIVINE.

By Wm. Bradford Dickson.

At this fair Christmastide,

When gifts ring out—

The song of peace and ring in

The song of peace throughout

This wonderful land of ours—

The wide across the sea.

Our Mother Earth is drenched with

blood

And hate and carnage reigns supreme;

While soldiers fall for all,

And children fast for lack of food;

While strong men fall beside the way;

And honest women knelt in prayer;

I do not ask for gifts

Or frankincense and myrrh,

Or gold, or Opals or either Ind.

Or jewels rare or priceless merchandise,

Or marble halls or ivory palaces,

Or the costly boughs of oakwood,

Not this—

II.

That I may give each day full need
Unto the willing hand and heart,
Of light and warmth of love,
Of materials shall in comfort's art—
That might all transforming touch
Which binds the spirit's spirit
And turns to bright the wreath and

more

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

"WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SERVE ME?"

In his annual report Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, refers to what he calls "the directness and the fullness of this challenge that gives war its spell and likewise gives birth to its horrors."

"What can you do to serve me?" The Secretary replies: "That question each individual and each department of the Government must give answer." For his own department he says that every agency and every activity that could be possibly used was speeded up to its fullest degree of efficiency.

The reports of many of the Government departments are records of marvelous achievements, and the Interior Department is entitled to full credit for the part it has performed in reshaping our internal affairs. Mr. Lane says that "We have during the past year had a glimpse of the expanding romance of chemical study." He points out that the increase in the capital invested in chemical industries jumped from \$65,252,900 in 1915 to \$92,244,000 in 1916, and up to September 1917, \$103,861,000 over the preceding year.

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Strangely enough it appears to have been accepted almost as an absolute conclusion that the United States could not make artificial colors and dyes. But the manufacturers of the United States are now represented by over ninety enterprises, each making special colors, and one hundred concerns making dyes and intermediates. Sulphurine has doubled its production. By product coloring doubled its capacity in the last three years. Gasoline production has increased from \$5,000,000 to 70,000,000 barrels per annum since 1914. Potash production, another monopoly of Germany, is making real headway in the United States, and although the production is small, sodium salts have been substituted for almost all purposes except agriculture. Substitutes for chlorine nitrates have been developed to such an extent that it is now possible to produce our munitions independent of that country, if necessary. The result of all metals, iron, zinc, copper, antimony, tin, mercury, etc., and their allies, have increased to meet the country's need.

These are but a few instances of our chemical progress. Our further advance in national development is indicated by the fact that we have told America that it must "know itself." Mr. Lane defines this policy as sound Americanism; and in this apposite conviction and knowledge of our principles, and confidence in our country's strength, we have made an appre-

hensive, which in the language of the Secretary has led to the conviction that "in all the domains of this great country extending from the semitropics across the deserts, and most forbidding wastes into the far Arctic, we have come to believe that there is no land that is entirely valueless."

A DEMOCRACY AT WAR.

Secretary Lane owes his position in the name of the monthly family magazine founded by Rev. Dr. Hicks, Jr., dedicated to Rev. John B. Noyes, for many years the assistant editor associated with Rev. Dr. Hicks. Bigger, brighter, better than ever is a concise description of the 1918 Almanac.

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EAST PERU

Schools in town have closed for a week.

V. K. CMH, who has been suffering from an attack, is convalescent.

Edward Kidder is working at Dick's

vale for W. J. Bryant.

Ralph Bennett is healing boards from Black Mountain to East Peru.

About three feet of snow in this vicinity and very cold for the season,

and very cold for the season,

thermometers registering from zero to 30 below.

Fred Lowe was home from Dick's

vale over Sunday.

The weather has been quite prevail-

ing in the vicinity but we new cases

are reported.

Miss Sybil Asafer, teacher at the

Worthington school, is spending the

Christmas vacation at her home in Milford, N. H.

M. H. O'Kane is skipping dry snow

near the Lawton market.

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STATE FUEL WOOD COMMITTEE FOR MAINE APPOINTED BY FUEL ADMINISTRATOR HAMLEN.

The Fuel Administration says that in spite of the best endeavors the coal supply has fallen far behind the requirements. The situation is serious. At the present time New England is several million tons of soft coal short of its needs. The hard coal situation is not as satisfactory as it was three months ago. Every effort has been made to facilitate shipments and to secure the economical utilization of the coal received.

The fact remains that the outlook for improvement in future deliveries for New England is unfavorable. It becomes the duty of the Administrator to advise the public of these facts and to urge that personal and community prudence and national patriotism require that New England should begin to use its own resources as fully as may be.

To further this the Maine Fuel Administrator has appointed State Fuel Wood Committees for Maine consisting of Chas. D. Woods, Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, A. M. G. Soule, Chief Bureau of Inspections of the State Department of Agriculture and Forest Colony, State Forest Commissioner. This committee has begun its work and solicits the cooperation of every citizen. Owners of wood lots are urged to cut all wood they can for the present winter and the remaining public should place orders as early as possible for their next year's supply of fire wood.

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HARDSHIPS OF THE "SOUR DOUGH"

Some of the Hardships Alaskans Have to Meet and Temperatures 80 Below Zero are Experiencing.

(M. J. Brown)

Alaska, home of the timber dog; a waste of snow and graveyard of ambition; a byword, home of the famed dogsled.

These and hundreds more are printed and sung in the North.

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of the Director of the
Experimental Station,
Chief Bureau of the
State Department of
Forest, State Fuel
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THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN, BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

HARDSHIPS OF THE "SOUR DOUGH" BOYS.

Some of the Hardships Alaskan Pros-
pectors Have to Meet and Overcome.
Temperature 80 Below Zero. Pro-
pecting is Confined to the Food Base.
Expedition Experience Teaches
Solitude Brings Insanity.

(M. J. Brown)

Alaska, home of the tin can and dog; a waste of snow and ice; the graveyard of ambition; a by-word for hell, home of the famed double-cross. These and hundreds more like them are printed and sung in the North Land. There have been such hardships, such disappointments and such suffering that there are few to find things to sing praises of.

But this isn't to be a moralism. It is rather to tell you of some of the interesting expeditions the hardships of the cold land teach those who live with her.

Where the "sour doughs" beat the newcomers to it is on the long prospecting hikes or stampede races to new strikes. Hero in where experience counts.

News will come into a Yukon town that a strike has been made far back in the hills and of course that means a race of about everybody in the town who can raise a grub stake or a dog.

The movie picture these men as starting on foot, pulling on their coats as they run, and other rank foolishness. The slowest and best prepared prospector is the one who will stake first, and the experienced men know it.

So instead of harnessing the dogs and mushing out in ten minutes after the news, the "sour doughs" begin to prepare an outfit, one they can go through on with the least loss of time.

Beans will be boiled before the start. In a mushing race to a gold strike, the camp is where night finds the men, often where wood is very scarce, and where a few twigs must suffice for the fire.

The beans are not boiled soft, just enough to cook them through, then they are spread out and allowed to freeze. When they are frozen they are put in bags and they are as separate as dry beans.

A tenderfoot would boil them and let them freeze solid and the tenderfoot might just as well throw them away and cook fresh ones so far as time savings goes. Try thawing out a bucket of solidly frozen beans—or rather don't try it.

Same with meat. The old timer will eat his bacon or bear meat into slices, let it freeze solid in slices and then pack it into one package. The "cheesecake" will cut it in slices and let it freeze together and he might better have never sliced it, for frozen together they are like a solid chunk of ice. A trail follower will never let his meat slices freeze together but once, for if he is going fast he will not have any meat to eat. In a hot frying pan frozen meat will burn on one side and be raw on the other.

A mushing outfit can be no stronger than the grub outfit, and this is the main reason why there are thousands of square miles in the big North territories that have never been prospected and thousands of acres that have never had a human foot on them.

The river towns are the supply bases—and there are no others. Let a man strike north from the Yukon anywhere to the interior of Alaska and he knows that he will never get another ounce of store provisions until he comes back to that town. Ahead of him are no posts, settlements, supplies or even Indian villages—for the Indians and Eskimos invariably live along the streams.

So when prospectors start out they must only go as far as half their food supply will carry them—and even this limit is a long chance. When the grub is half exhausted, they must at once turn back, and if on the back trail severe blizzards should stop them, sickness or accident should delay, then the white death wins out again.

He who is a gold hunter in Alaska is very much like a submarine. He can only get so far from his supply base and live. Many a prospector starts out for a certain locality and he has to beat it back the minute he gets there—or starve.

Terrible blizzards often overtake mushers on these trips, storms that neither man nor dog can face, and then one must get in and stay in until it is over or die.

The thermometer during mid winter will often go 80 degrees and more below zero, and Alaskan thermometers are made of the reverse of state procedure, the

zero-mark being more than half way up the glass so the mercury will have room enough to run down. In an ordinary thermometer the mercury will run down into the bulb and freeze solid.

In a temperature of 80 degrees below zero no living thing can long endure in the open. Even the hardy bears and wolves hunt holes and remain until the weather moderates. Men long exposed to the awful cold may survive for a time, only to die with lung disease later on. The intense cold breathes in the open freezes or chills the lung lining, and later on the victim will contract bronchitis, pneumonia or quick consumption.

One prospector told me he was caught in a blizzard and remained for five days in an abandoned mining cabin. He said evidently a white woman or squaw had once resided there, for the interior had been clothed and papered with newspapers. And he spent the most of his time reading those walls. He would read up as far as he could see, then stand on the table and read up to the roof, read newspapers that were printed ten years before. He told me that one morning he opened the slide window and threw the dishwater out and when it struck the ground it was ice. This is a whopper for a man who has never experienced a winter up around the arctic circle, but I will believe any story told in Alaska when told the first time.

Another miner told me that the extreme cold had forced him and his partner to abandon their thawing fires and wait for warmer weather. One morning he thought to fix a dog sled that was standing just outside the cabin. He reached out to get it and his hand came in contact with the sled shoe. It was frozen to the metal in an instant. The sled was brought inside and his hand released by warming the metal, but he said he had a dangerous sore from the burn.

When the thermometer is far below zero and there is no wind it is astonishing how far sound will carry. The howl of a dog can be heard further than the eye can see, and men can converse more than a mile apart.

Sometimes there is game to be had in the prospecting camps, and sometimes a man might hunt for a month and never see a sign of a bear, caribou or any other animal. Like gold, game is where you find it in Alaska, and it is fully as uncertain as gold.

Every year a large number of crazy men are brought out of Alaska and taken to Portland, Oregon. There is not a town on the Yukon that has not sent out one or many "bugs." Two things are given as the causes for the brain storms, brooding and solitude. And it is rather remarkable that about 90 percent of these men recover in from six months to two years' treatment in the "bug" sanitarium in Portland.

War time prices have played the devil with the Yukon river merchants. In these inferior towns wants must be anticipated, or guessed at, months ahead and the goods for the coming winter must be ordered months ahead. This year the excessive prices in the mining camps have forced many of the small miners, with low grade dirt, to quit simply shut down and go outside until the war ends and prices lower, hence many a store keeper, with the customary winter stock on hand, finds there are very few to buy his goods and the bills are coming due. And a result will be that many a dealer with small capital and credit will go broke.

Next week I will write about Some-a-miles camp that sprang up like mushrooms in the night; a camp that was only equalled by Dawson as the greatest gold producing spot on earth, and a gold city that has "gone bust."

CONDITIONS WHICH INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POWDERY SCAB OF POTATOES.

Soil Temperature and Moisture are Limiting Factors.

A few years ago powdery scab was

a very live topic with Maine potato

growers and shippers as well as with

growers in other states who depended

upon Maine seed. Following the dis-

covey of the disease in Maine in 1913

it became a subject of intensive study

in this State both by the Maine Agri-

cultural Experiment Station and the

United States Department of Agricul-

ture.

Powdery scab is now known to occur

in Maine, New York, Minnesota, Wash-

ington and Oregon. A careful survey

of the distribution of the disease has

shown that in each of these states

where it has been found it is confined

to those portions which have

a relatively cool growing season, associ-

ated with abundant rainfall. An exten-

sive series of experiments conducted by

the Federal pathologists in 12 different

states from Massachusetts to

Florida have shown quite conclusively

that powdery scab will not develop un-

der the climatic conditions which exist

there.

In Maine it has appeared only in

Arrowsic and certain parts of Penob-

scot and Washington counties and there

is very little reason to think that the

infected area is likely to increase natu-

rally. In other words the probability

of powdery scab ever becoming estab-

lished in the dryer and warmer por-

ts of the State of Maine is slight.

Moreover in Arrowsic county, where

the disease attained its greater de-

velopment a few years ago, its prevalence

is markedly influenced by seasonal cli-

matic conditions.

The season of 1913 and 1914 furnish

of relatively large amounts of powdery

scab but since that time the amount

WEST PARIS

Rev. Dwight A. Ball will preach at the Universalist church, next Sunday morning.

Rev. H. A. Markley preached at the Universalist church last Sunday morning to a good sized audience.

Dr. F. E. Wheeler left Saturday morning for Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he will be stationed for the present. Mrs. Wheeler accompanied him to Portland and returned Monday. A good delegation of friends were at the station Saturday morning to bid God speed to their friend and physician.

News has been received from Samuel W. Dunham who is visiting his daughter in Massachusetts that he is in a hospital for treatment.

The operetta, "Windmills of Holland," will be presented Friday evening, Dec. 21, by the West Paris High School.

Mrs. Will Emery has received news that her father, John Bryant, a veteran at Togus, has suffered a paralytic shock which has disabled one side.

Among those who will attend State Grange at Lewiston are Mr. and Mrs. Adney E. Tuell, Mrs. Mary Staton and Freeman L. Wyman.

Alphonzo Brown is very ill with pneumonia at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrell.

The Advent meeting house on the road leading from Trap Corner to South Woodstock was recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. S. B. Dunham, who has been visiting in Norway, has returned to Ed-
win J. Mann's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann were in Lewiston, Tuesday.

James Lapham died from a paralytic shock at Canaan, Vt., last week. He had been working in the woods at Pitts-
burgh, N. H., and not feeling well started for home but was stricken with paralysis while buying a ticket at the Vermont station. He was taken to a hotel and died the next day. The remains were brought to his brother's at Milton Plantation where the funeral services were held. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Olive Estes. Mr. Lapham was a very industrious man. Having worked most of his life for Lewis M. Mann & Son, sometimes at West Paris, Bryant's Pond or Milton Plantation according to conditions.

A union Christmas tree will be held as usual this year. The Methodist church will take the lead, it being their turn, as the Baptist, Universalist and Meth-
odist alternate in taking lead in the union service.

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WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts from Washington, D. C.

Some Answers by Draft Registrants Not Open to Public.

Answers of registrants on the selective draft questionnaires relating to names and addresses under the head "Dependency," with the exception of the names and addresses of persons claimed to be dependent, will not be open to inspection by the public without the consent of the registrant.

Impression for not to exceed one year will be the penalty imposed on any one connected with the administration of the selective draft law who shall make this information public.

United States Now Imports Argentine Cheese; Exports Have Greatly Increased.

In August of this year exactly 99 pounds of European cheese were imported by the United States, coming from Italy. During 1916, before the war, 30,000 tons were bought in Europe.

Argentina has turned to cheese making on a large scale, and is now placing large quantities in the United States, although more cheese is now being exported than imported. In September 3,000 tons were sold abroad, being distributed to 50 countries.

War's Demand for Men With Scientific Training Will Steadily Increase.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker urges men in scientific institutions to continue their training.

"The Government service will demand more and more scientifically trained men," said he, "and I hope those who are in charge of scientific institutions will impress upon the young men the importance of continuing their studies, except to the extent that they are necessarily interrupted by a mandatory call under the provisions of the selective service law."

Every effort will be made to use each student's special training in connection with specialized instruction in the Army, to afford technical students liable to call as great an opportunity through the National Army as if they had enlisted.

Rules for Illumination of Electric Signs Apply Throughout Nation.

Orders governing the use of electric signs, made by the Post Administration to assist in conserving fuel, apply to the entire country—villages and small cities as well as the larger centers. Among these instructions are:

Directional signs on retail stores may be illuminated from one-half hour after sunset until closing time, but not later than 11 p. m.; such signs on theatres may be illuminated from half hour after time of commencement of last performance. Display advertising signs on theatres and retail stores may only operate between 7:30 and 11 p. m.

Enforcement of the orders is in the hands of State fuel administrators.

Unexpected Economy in Conservation of Food Toxic Camp Contractors.

In some Army and National guard camps contractors who understood to dispose of garbage at a price based upon the amount they expected to get are threatening to throw up their contracts because the amount is so small.

The Surgeon General's Office and the Quartermaster's Department are cooperating to assure the best utilization of soldiers with the least waste. Officers of the food division give instruction in food values, balances of menus, and methods of cooking and serving. At one camp a conference of this sort was attended by 760 cooks, mess sergeants, and mess officers.

The allowances provided by the Army regulation is liberal and permits considerable savings. These amounts add to the credit of the organization if there is careful management.

Editorial of "Bremen" Praises Food Contractors' "Genuine Civilization."

In Latin America, the publication said "countries as Bremen" which the Germans have been unable to capture, thus drives the other location.

"The editorial establishment being in a state of repose, it failed to which has been found most instructive."

"Business being at a standstill under German domination," it says, "we have suppressed the page of adventure news and advise our readers to save their money for better times."

Secretary of Agriculture to Insure Protection of Viejo Cattle.

To insure the meat supply of the country, taxes have been levied for the importation of cattle from the tick-infested Central and South American countries.

Such animals used to slaughtered immediately at ports of entry. For the protection of domestic cattle and to make sure that only wholesome meat shall be produced from this source, regulations governing the importation are very strict.

A word from the Secretary of Ag-

riculture is required for each consignment of cattle offered for importation.

30,000 Graduate Nurses Will be Required in Army Hospitals.

With a continuance of the war, in the next year at least 20,000 nurses will be needed in Army hospitals at home and abroad. Of the 30,000 graduate nurses of the country only 3,500 have so far been assigned to duty in Army service, and of this number 1,500 are in France.

An Army nurse must be a graduate of a training school for nurses and must have served for two years in a hospital. They are assigned to duty in the United States or abroad, and preferences are granted where conditions permit. Nurses who prefer not to have service abroad will have their preferences respected.

Decrease in Demand for Manufactured Articles Releases Labor for War Work.

Weavers laid off by carpet factories because the war has caused a sharp decline in the purchase of floor coverings are demanded by woolen and cotton-dock factories because war orders have so increased their businesses. Factories making garments and other articles for pleasure automobiles are laying off help, while makers of trucks and service cars are calling for more labor.

Other industries suffering losses in commercial business which result in freezing a large part of their working forces for war work manufacturers of dog gloves, fancy sweaters, brooms and brushes, typewriters, and high-grade woodwork.

Extracts from Diaries of German Soldiers in New War Publication.

The 84-page booklet "German War Practitioners" published by the Committee on Public Information, devotes one section to extracts from German war diaries, among them being the follow-

ing:

"A shell burst near the Eleventh Company, and wounded seven men very severely. At 5 o'clock we were ordered by the officer in command of the regiment to shoot all the male inhabitants of Nememy, because the population was foolishly attempting to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into the houses, and seized all who resisted, in order to execute them according to martial law. The houses which had not been already destroyed by the French artillery and our own were set on fire by us, so that nearly the whole town was reduced to ashes. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France." (From the diary of Pvt. Fischer, Eighth Bavarian Regiment of Infantry, Thirty-third Reserve Division.)

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Post Exchange Makes Little Luxuries Which Make Camp Life Pleasant.

Men at the post exchange buy many articles at the post exchanges for less money than they would have to pay in their home-town stores. And the post exchange manager is authority for the statement that 40,000 men make a tremendous demand for sweet packages of candy. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon there is a general rush for apples, sweet crackers, and coffee or milk, despite the fact that big dinners will be ready a couple of hours later.

The problem of supplying the men in Army camps with small necessities and luxuries which the Government does not furnish is met by the Committee on Training Camp Activities through these post exchanges. They are to be found at each camp, there being at a rate one exchange for each regiment. Each carries an average of \$10,000 worth of goods.

Business is nearly all done on a credit basis. Men obtain books of 5 and 10 cent postage and pay for them at the end of the month. Post exchanges average \$1,000 a day in sales, and as there are about 300 in operation, the yearly business will aggregate many millions of dollars.

Gymnasiums and Workshops Included in Plans for Care of Injured Soldiers.

Plans for caring for members of the expeditionary forces who may be returned from Europe unfit for further service include, besides the ordinary surgical and medical attention, instruction in the use of injured and artificial limbs, and vocational training. The experience of Canada and European allies in this work has been of great value to the United States Government in arranging the plan.

Equipment for heat treatments and electric and hydro therapy will be provided; gymnasiums will furnish opportunity for special exercise for invalids in the use of joints, muscles, and nerves which have been affected by service; and creative workshops which at the same time will bring these parts into activity.

The plan will be to return every man to his full life able to be self-supporting and useful, and to reconstruct morally those the present physical condition from

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 29th day of June, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Grange Hall in said Newry, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Brain, Wm. P. & Sons, Inc.	120 acres in Lot 7, Range 10,	\$46.16	\$2.00
	320 acres wild land,	22.40	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 5, Range 16, Hall Lot,	11.20	2.00
	75 acres west of Bear River,	8.40	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 4, Range 6,	11.20	2.00
	15 acre lot,	1.68	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 5, Range 5,	11.20	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 4, Range 4,	11.20	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 3, Range 5,	11.20	2.00
	The James Swan Farm,	16.68	2.00
	The Rufus Stearns Farm,	22.40	2.00

December 18, 1917.

W. H. POWERS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 12th day of June, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Frank Farwell Estate,	10 acres in Lot 1, Range 6,	\$1.86	\$2.00
Herman Mason,	100 acres in Lot 9, Range 6,	9.10	2.00
	100 acres in Lot 10, Range 6,	9.10	2.00
	60 acres in Lot 8, Range 6,	4.65	2.00
Art Mason, N. Mills Estate,	30 acres in Lot 1, Range 6,	.91	2.00
	33 acres in Lot 1, Range 1,	3.64	2.00
	60 acres in Lot 4, Range 1,	7.23	2.00

December 18, 1917.

D. W. CUSHING,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

the Government.

Other Organizations Cooperate With Y. M. C. A. in Work for Troops.

While the Young Men's Christian Association is the largest body doing welfare work among the United States troops, other organizations are co-operating. The Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization in charge of the Nevers Cathedral, has put up, and is putting up, club-houses equipped with desks, rooms, benches, photographs, player-pianos, moving-picture apparatus, and other facilities for entertainment. Sixty-five halls are now in operation, open to men of all denominations.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association has made arrangements for headquarters in Young Men's Christian Association buildings. There is not a sufficient number of Hebrews in any one brigade to justify the building of a hall by this organization.

The American Library Association has raised a fund of over \$1,000,000, and is erecting special library buildings in the camps.

"Godmothering" of soldiers and sailors is not officially sanctioned.

No postmaster's pay will be increased during the war, according to an order by the Postmaster General.

The Red Cross has asked for pumps to be used in France, to take the place of those destroyed by retreating Germans. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France.

Many officers of the Marine Corps and the Navy are members of a class receiving instruction at Washington, D. C. in defense against the use of gas.

The women's committee of the Council of National Defense has arranged to furnish a barge to every woman who registers to work in cooperation with the committee.

In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock (coins and bullion) used as money held by the United States has increased from one-fifth to more than one-third.

The retail price of milk in England has been advanced from 18 to 18 cents a quart. The rate and use of cream has been prohibited, except for invalids, infants, and for butter making.

Work of the women's committee of the Council of National Defense has already been started in Paris, Rio, and Paris, and plans now made include the introduction into every territory of the United States.

A nation-wide campaign for economy in the use of coal in steam plants has been undertaken by the Fuel Administration. The Bureau of Mines is conducting the campaign, with the help of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At a children's hospital recently established by the American Red Cross in France, an average of 250 boys and girls are being examined each day. In connection is a dental dispensary for children and a laboratory for

the treatment of skin diseases.

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A. D. WRIGHT,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Oxford.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
George E. Brooks,	Homestead Farm,	\$1.75	\$1.00
Charles P. Day,	Homestead Farm,	16.45	1.00